

# Letters

## For Parr

While there may be merit to some of the criticisms leveled against the Incidental Fee Committee, it is ludicrous to blame such problems on any single member of the committee. In fact, it is dangerously irresponsible to try to affix blame in such a manner.

As a relatively new ASUO board, the IFC finds itself in a state of change as it tries to find the best organizational structure and operating system. One of the best means of achieving such stability is by utilizing the perspective of those who have worked within the current system and thus have a more solid base from which to progress.

Dave Parr has worked hard to become an outstanding IFC member, respected by those he has worked with whether they agree with him or not. Dave has the background needed in a committee member to objectively evaluate IFC procedures and recommend valuable innovations. Along with other committee members, Dave will contribute to the creation of a manual which will help guide next year's IFC.

Further, Dave does have a voter mandate. In last fall's election he finished only one vote away from a committee spot. Such a mandate was a major consideration in Dave's appointment to the IFC.

During his tenure, Dave has shown that he really does care about student programs. Yet he is not impressed simply by a program's existence. Dave is always well prepared and is adept at questioning programs as to their merits and achievements. In the time he has been on the IFC, Dave has developed objective indicators for evaluating programs and has proven himself to be a solid committee member.

Having been involved in IFC hearings and deliberations on several occasions, we have seen Dave in action and recommend him without reservation as an honest and hard-working man. It is to the advantage of all students to return Dave Parr to the Incidental Fee Committee.

**Michael Neeld**  
chairer, Student Admin. Board  
**Jerry Martens**  
member, Interfraternity Council

## For Davis

My biggest disappointment with the ASUO is that many students still view it as a conglomeration of petty dilettantes playing trivial power games over inconsequential issues. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The ASUO is an association based on a lot of competent people sharing, giving and sacrificing to provide the students with quality services and effective advocacy in all arenas of student concern.

Jim Davis typifies this kind of commitment. For the past four and a half years Jim has centered his life around the ASUO. Those of us who have dealt with him have been impressed with his organizational expertise, his selflessness and his boundless energy.

As ASUO vice president for administration and finance, Jim has taken an active role in the institution of close lines of communication between the ASUO programs, the IFC and the ASUO executive. Jim developed the program executive board to in-

volve the ASUO programs in the administrative process. Jim Davis also helped develop the student program management class which not only imparted practical knowledge of organizational techniques to ASUO program directors, but afforded an opportunity to share experiences and techniques between programs.

Since 1972, when I first came to this campus, we have all seen the ASUO grow into a student association with a listened-to voice within the University, the State System and the State Legislature. To preserve this progress, we must elect an ASUO president with the competencies and the experiences to affect the issues. Jim Davis will provide the leadership the ASUO requires to continue and improve its advocacy in student-as-consumer issues.

**Jamie Burns**  
IFC chairer

## For Stewart

One of the points recently emphasized by David Stewart, in his campaign for SUAB position 3, is to "promote genuine participating management rights for students in their University." The idea that it is the students' University is a concept of paramount importance in the whole philosophy of student government. David Stewart, as a competent and aggressive leader, could raise the cognizance of the students in our University from the current apathetic approach to student government to a participative fulfilling approach. In this way, each student, by having a say in the affairs of the University administration would be able to influence the direction of the University, resulting in a better situation for all.

**Paul Schroeder**  
accounting, fr.

## For Defenderfer

I am campaigning for election to the SUAB position three, business administration.

The college of business is presently in a dilemma. Too few teachers and too many students. At first glance it might seem like there is one simple answer, hire more faculty. There is not one simple answer. The administrators of the college of business realize the need and have been actively lobbying for additional resources in order to hire more faculty. But they, as I, realize that endless growth will not solve the problem of maintaining high standards for the college of business. There are other solutions. One which I see as reasonable would be to follow the lead of the other professional schools on campus and somehow restrict enrollment.

Our accrediting agency has already given us some flack about having upper division courses taught by graduate students. I for one don't want to see the quality of the college of business questioned; I would like to have a good chance at finding a job when I get out of here.

I ask you not to elect me because I am an idealist, but to elect me because I am a realist and will deal pragmatically for student interest.

**Kim Defenderfer**  
internat'l. bus., jr.



"HOWEVER, WHEN WE GET THE BUGS OUT..."

## Whew!

I would like to thank Charles Lebo for his support in the ASUO presidential election, as evidenced by his letter in Monday's *Emerald*.

I don't know Mr. Lebo and while I feel that he states his views a little more strongly than I might have, his lack of faith in political promises indicates to me that he is a thoroughly disgusted, well-seasoned political observer.

Incidentally, his contention that I am the only honest candidate running may not be entirely true; but I'll bet I'm the only candidate who has had his or her honesty verified by the IRS this year. They audited my 1974 taxes and found me clean.

Whew!

**"Izzy" Whetstone**  
ASUO presidential candidate

## For Parr

While reading the Voters Pamphlet which accompanied my mail-out ballot, I found some points in David Tyler's statement which raised serious doubts as to how capable an IFC member he would be.

Mr. Tyler states that the controversy surrounding the IFC's decisions indicates that the "IFC is not responsive to the students." How can he expect that there be no controversy? There is only so much money to be appropriated, and not every program can receive every penny it desires. Indeed, I wonder how Mr. Tyler intends to accomplish his stated goal of "no incidental fee hikes" without stirring quite a bit of animosity, not to mention controversy, among the various programs which he will be stifling.

Another point about Mr. Tyler which bothers me is that he would make abstentions illegal, since they represent, in his words, a "failure of responsibility" (*Emerald*, Friday, April 23). Has Mr. Tyler ever heard of conflict of interest? Abstentions play a vital role in the democratic process, and it is irresponsible to recommend so blunt an action as making them illegal outright.

It is for these reasons that I support Dave Parr, the incumbent and Mr. Tyler's opponent, for the IFC. Mr. Parr has proven himself a very equitable and capable IFC member. His experience with the IFC and as an accounting major lends him the fiscal responsibility necessary for the position. For re-

sponsible and judicious decisions, vote David Parr for the IFC.

**John Southgate**  
arch., soph

## For Powell

Mark Powell has not tried to run a propaganda campaign because he believes that students deserve more than bullshit. Mark Powell is a honest candidate who will have an open student government. He will pursue an investigation of the state board for the tuition hikes they have approved, he will treat all programs fairly and will push for student involvement on faculty review committees. But most of all he will allow all students to become involved in student government instead of a selected few.

Mark Powell believes students deserve a candidate who will represent all students and not a candidate who represents only favored interests. Don't betray all students by being fooled by others' propaganda. Vote number 5 in column 18. Vote for Mark Powell, he will not fool you.

**Stephen Beard**  
EMUB chairer

## More qualified?

In the *Emerald's* endorsement of Jim Davis for ASUO president, they stated that he "has shown himself so much more qualified than the rest" that they could endorse only his candidacy. What in the hell does "much more qualified" mean?

His experience? Ooops! I meant qualifications. Let's see: ASUO vice-president, legislative intern, knowledge of collective bargaining, etc. etc. Basically, his overall experience in legislative affairs and political offices held, constitute his qualifications. But something seems missing to me. Wasn't Richard Nixon qualified in the same ways? A gross analogy, but not nearly as ridiculous as the implication made by the *Emerald*. Experience, alone, doesn't qualify anyone to head an office. What else does Jim Davis have to offer?

I, for one, am tired of the present administration. Their approach to the current issues has resulted in harmful publicity, absurd demands and few concrete results. Jim Davis is their man, armed with the same ideas and approaches to these issues. His 17 point platform is basically a duplication of the present inept administration.

Jim "much more qualified" Davis? Not for me! Take a look at the other candidates. Let's put some new and innovative people in the ASUO offices.

**Jeff Sharp**  
math, sr.

## Don't be swayed

As one very interested student, I cannot stand idly by while certain elements of the *Emerald* and the ASUO executive attempt to masquerade Jim Davis into office.

I became acquainted with Jim this year because he was on the EMUB. Last fall term I appointed him to chair the EMU food committee. The food at the EMU is of poor quality and is losing money, and something needed to be done. Yet incredibly, although EMU food service affects almost all students, smiling Jim did nothing to change or improve it. He completely failed the students. It was not until he was replaced by someone interested in seeing that students receive the most for their money that we began to make progress.

Although Davis seems to have plenty of people eager to jump on his band wagon with endorsements, some of these people include his roommate, people he has promised vice-presidencies to, ASUO executive employees, and close friends. So when you vote, don't be swayed by what on the outside seems to be a responsible and well-supported candidate. It just is not true. Besides, you don't want to go through that athletic ticket hassle again next fall, do you?

**Stephen Beard**  
EMUB chairer  
Food-Op Board of Directors

The *Emerald* will accept and try to print all letters containing fair comment on ideas and topics of concern or interest to the University community. Because of space limitations, letters must be no more than 250 words, typed, triple-spaced, dated and signed with the person's major. No unsigned letters will be published. Longer opinion columns will be published whenever possible after being submitted to the editorial page editor. The limit on opinion columns is 800 words, using the same format as letters.